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# MESSAGE

OF THE

# PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING,

*In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 29th ultimo, a report from the Secretary of the Interior, accompanied by a report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to the amount of money received by the government for the sale of the Wea trust lands.*

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MARCH 14, 1864.—Read, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit herewith a report of the Secretary of the Interior of the 11th instant, containing the information requested in Senate resolution of the 29th ultimo.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *March*, 1864.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
*Washington, D. C., March* 11, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 10th instant, containing the information called for in a resolution of the Senate, of the 29th ultimo, in the following words, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to furnish to the Senate the amount of money received by the government for the sale of the Wea trust lands in Kansas, and the manner in which said money was invested—if in State bonds, what States, and whether the interest of said State bonds has been paid, and if any of said bonds were stolen, what ones, and what provision has been made for the bonds so stolen."

With great respect, your obedient servant,

J. P. USHER, *Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT *of the United States.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
*Office of Indian Affairs, March* 10, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to report, in compliance with your directions, upon the resolution of the Senate of the United States, of the 29th ultimo, in the following words:

"*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to furnish to the Senate the amount of money received by the government for the sale of the Wea trust lands in Kansas, and the manner in which said money was invested; if in State bonds, what States, and whether the interest of said State bonds has been paid; and if any of said bonds were stolen, what ones, and what provision has been made for the bonds so stolen."

In a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, he states, that the government has received from the sale of the Kaskaskia, Peoria, Wea, and Piankeshaw trust lands the sum of $347,852 74, only $341,034 44 of which has been brought upon the books of the Indian Office; from this amount the sum of $274,884 17 was invested in bonds (during the fall of 1857) as follows, viz.: Tennessee 6s, $59,000; North Carolina 6s, $117,000; New York 6s, $12,500; Missouri 6s, $25,000; Louisiana 6s, $15,000; Illinois 6s, $25,000; Florida 7s, $37,000; Pennsylvania 5s, $25,000. Total, $315,500.

During the month of January, 1859, the above-mentioned Illinois and New York bonds were sold and the proceeds invested in South Carolina and Tennessee per cent. bonds, making the total amount of stock held by the Department of the Interior, (for said tribe,) after the change was made, $319,000, viz.:

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| Florida 7s | $37,000 |
| Louisiana 6s | 15,000 |
| Missouri 6s | 25,000 |
| North Carolina 6s | 117,000 |
| Pennsylvania 5s | 25,000 |
| South Carolina 6s | 3,000 |
| Tennessee 6s | 97,000 |
| | 319,000 |

At some time previous to January 1, 1861, one hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars of said bonds were abstracted from the custody of the Secretary of the Interior, viz: $25,000 Missouri 6s, $74,000 North Carolina 6s, and $97,000 Tennessee 6s.

By the provisions of an act of Congress approved July 12, 1862, entitled "An act relating to trust funds of several Indian tribes, invested by the government in certain State bonds abstracted from the custody of the late Secretary of the Interior," (see Statutes at Large, vol. 12, page 539,) the amount of the original cost of said bonds was directed to be placed upon the books of the Treasury Department to the credit of the tribe, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, from the 1st of July, 1862, payable semi-annually. Said act also provided for the payment of the interest which had accrued upon said bonds up to July 1, 1862, computing the same at five per cent. per annum upon the cost of the bonds.

On the 1st day of January, 1864, accrued interest remained unpaid upon bonds of the States of Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, and South Carolina, amounting to $16,330, as shown by my annual report for 1863, on page 480.

On the 23d of December, 1861, $39,950 of the money received as above mentioned was invested in $47,000 of Kansas 7 per cent. bonds, and in February, 1863, $400 was invested in United States 6 per cent. bonds, and in May, 1863, $25,000 of Pennsylvania 5 per cent. bonds were sold and the proceeds

paid over to their agent (excepting about $300) for disbursement to the tribe, leaving the total amount of bonds held in trust for the Kaskaskias, Peorias, Weas, and Piankeshaws at this date $145,400, viz:

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| Florida 7s | $37,000 |
| Kansas 7s | 47,000 |
| Louisiana 6s | 15,000 |
| North Carolina 6s | 43,000 |
| South Carolina 6s | 3,000 |
| United States loan of 1862 6s | 400 |
| | 145,400 |

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. P. DOLE, *Commissioner.*

Hon. J. P. USHER,
*Secretary of the Interior.*

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